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## CUBA.

*Yellow fever in Puerto Principe.*

A case of yellow fever is reported among the troops at Puerto Principe.

*Sanitary report from Cienfuegos.*

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, *May 29, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended May 27, 1899. The general health of the city and vicinity is about as usual, there having been 31 deaths during the week, of which 8 were from malaria, 5 from dysentery, 2 from meningitis, and 1 from typhoid fever. The rains are still delayed, and in their place we are having severe winds in the afternoon, which raise great clouds of dust, that are disagreeable to say the least. The sanitary condition of the city, which has for several weeks been under the civil authorities, is apparently maintained at a satisfactory standard. Some sweeping and sprinkling of the principal streets is being done. The great difficulty here is the scarcity of water. That from the waterworks is insufficient for even ordinary household needs, is impure and not potable. The cisterns are nearly all dry, and the only reliable water has to be brought in tanks over some 20 miles of railroad. I consider the health here remarkably good considering the above facts.

During the week 5 vessels were inspected coming from foreign ports, and 7 leaving for the United States.

The *Miguel Jover*, Spanish steamer, was disinfected as per special report. The baggage of 23 passengers leaving on the Ward Line steamer *Santiago* for New York was inspected and labeled. The class of passengers leaving here now is of the best, being chiefly officer's families or sugar planters returning north to remain during the summer. Such baggage was passed without opening, other baggage was opened and inspected; if clean and to remain north, it was passed.

The disinfecting house is being painted with two coats of zinc paint, and a mooring is being made for the better protection of the new boat.

Respectfully, yours,

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*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

*Sanitary report from Havana.*

HAVANA, CUBA, *May 29, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report for week ended Thursday, May 25:

As will be noticed from the mortality report attached to this report, there were no deaths from yellow fever. Deaths from all causes much less than previous week.

On account of the strike of lighter men in the harbor, vessels are unable to discharge or take on their cargoes in the open bay. Upon application of the agents of the New York and Cuba Mail Steamship Company, permission was given the steamship *Seguranca* to come alongside of the wharf and discharge her cargo, between the hours of sunrise and sunset, pulling out into the open bay during the night time. The same course was adopted with the steamship *Olivette*, of the Plant Steamship Company, with the exception that a personal inspection of